

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A head-protection airbag device, comprising:

an airbag stored along a roof side rail, and including a gas-introducing path provided at its upper edge and a plurality of inflation chambers, the plurality of inflation chambers comprising direct inflation chambers and indirect inflation chambers;

a gas distribution pipe provided within the gas-introducing path, for introducing into the plurality of inflation chambers a gas supplied from a gas supplier; and

a plurality of gas outlets provided in the gas distribution pipe, each gas outlet and disposed corresponding only to at least one of predetermined direct inflation chambers of the plurality of inflation chambers;

wherein:

with the gas is supplied from the gas supplier into the plurality of inflation chambers through the plurality of gas outlets of the gas distribution pipe;

the airbag is inflated and deployed like a curtain along a sidewall of a vehicle compartment so as to protect a head of a seated occupant;

each direct inflation chamber has a smaller volume than each indirect chamber; and

each direct inflation chamber is disposed at a location away from a head-rest of an adjacent seat in a fore-and-aft direction of a vehicle.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The head-protection airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the airbag protects a head of an occupant seated in a front seat and a head of an occupant seated in a rear seat.

5. (Original) The head-protection airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the gas supplier is provided at a rear end of the gas distribution pipe.

6. (Original) The head-protection airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the gas supplier is provided at an intermediate position of the gas distribution pipe.